

MEETING NOTES

The Sixth Regular Meeting of the Medford School Committee

Monday, November 21, 2022

Executive Session: 5:15 PM

Regular Meeting: 6:00 PM

Held at the Howard Alden Memorial Chambers, Medford City Hall as well as on Zoom

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Agenda

I. Roll Call for Attendance of Members

Attendance - 6/1

II. Salute the Flag

III. Good of the Order

Motion to table Good of the Order by Member McLaughlin, 2nd Member Hays - 6/0/1 passed

Motion to move to Executive Session by Member McLaughlin, 2nd by Member Graham - 6/0/1 passed

IV. Negotiations and Legal Matters - Executive Session: 5:15 PM

Regular Meeting began at 6:07 pm

V. Consent Agenda

- Bills and Payrolls
- Regular School Committee Minutes, November 7, 2022

Motion to accept by Member McLaughlin, 2nd Member Kreatz - 6/0/1 passed

Motion to take Good of the Order off the table by Member McLaughlin, 2nd by Member Graham - 6/0/1 passed

Member McLaughlin - meet to set school committee goals at a COW sometime before one of the December meetings

- Add an agenda item attached to the student representatives so that they can have the opportunity to speak freely each week without waiting.
- Microphone and 'Student Representatives' name plate for them as well to help make them feel more a part of the committee.

VI. Report of Subcommittees - Member Ruseau

- Rules & Policy Subcommittee Minutes, November 16, 2022
 - Summary of the topic of Recess was discussed.
 - Very productive and feedback was constructive.
 - Meeting in January for Policy language pertaining to recess

Motion to accept Subcommittee minutes by Member McLaughlin, 2nd by Member Hays - 6/0/1 passed

VII. Report of the Superintendent

1. Superintendent's Updates and Comments - Dr. Marice Edouard-Vincent, Superintendent
2. Report on MGL Chapter 71 §37 H, §37 H ½ , §37 H ¾ School Discipline and Student Privacy - Felicia Vasudevan, Esq., Murphy, Hesse, Toomey & Lehane, LLP
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1GqJbLgllCsUlsmEabr0Moz3iVrIOkfyn/view?usp=share_link
 - Amount of days is not written in a law; it is up to the discretion of the Superintendent.
 - An appeal can be filed.
3. Report on 2023 Special Education Determination Under Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) - Joan Bowen, Director of Student Services
 - At the beginning of the year can the School Committee see what indicators we are reporting on as a district.
 - ACTION ITEM - Joan Bowen will provide link from DESE
 - Special Education meets weekly to go over guidance changes and includes whoever needs to be involved depending on who will be impacted..
4. Report on Labor Update - David Murphy, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations

VIII. Presentations of the Public (not to begin before 7:00 pm) - None

IX. Continued Business - None

X. New Business

2022 - 52 Offered by Paul Ruseau

Policy Harassment (ACAB) will have the text "Columbus Elementary School" changed to "Missituk Elementary School" in the Medford Public Schools policy manual.

Date Requested: November 21, 2022

Date Submitted: November 12, 2022

Motion to suspend rule #46 for second reading.

Motion for both readings to be waived and approved by Member McLaughlin, 2nd by Hays - 6/0/1 passed

2022-53 Offered by Melanie McLaughlin

Whereas students with disabilities who are unable to pass the 10th grade MCAS exam requirement for graduation do not receive a high school diploma and

Whereas our state legislator, Representative Sean Garballey worked for years to ensure access to higher education for students with disabilities who have not received a high school diploma and

Whereas a new bill called MAICEI has been enacted in MA so that students with disabilities provide access to post secondary education and a college life

Be it resolved this body recognizes our MA state representative Sean Garballey for his commitment to persons with disabilities and to his passion to eradicate ableism through a formal letter from this body recognizing Rep Garballey's work and

Be it further resolved, the MAICEI initiative is recognized in our public school district as part of our high school Transition program.

Date Requested: November 21, 2022

Date Submitted: November 17, 2022

- **ACTION ITEM: Formal letter from Superintendent recognizing Representative Sean Garballey - Member McLaughlin offered to collaborate on the letter with the Superintendent**

if it is felt necessary and a resolution that the MAICEI initiative is recognized in our school district as part of our transition program.

Motion to approve by Member Graham, 2nd by Member Ruseau - 6/0/1 passed

XI. Reports Requested

Reading Instruction Curriculum Requested by Paul Ruseau, Sharon Hays, Jenny Graham

One or more questions the report is attempting to answer:

- 1) Does the Medford Public Schools have curricula from Fountas and Pinnell in use by our teachers?
- 2) Does the Medford Public Schools have curricula from Lucy Caulkins?
- 3) Are we purchasing any reading curriculum that uses the 3-cueing system?
- 4) How many minutes per day are our K-3 elementary teachers spending on phonics with the entire classroom?
- 5) What percentage of our K-3 teachers have received training in phonics instruction?
- 6) Have our teachers been taught that using alternatives, such as 3-cueing, is harmful to students?
- 7) What is the plan for ensuring every single elementary school teacher, current and newly hired, is aware of the science of reading and that use of the 3-cueing system is harmful and should not be used with our students?

Date Requested: November 21, 2022

Date Submitted: November 2, 2022

Date Report should be provided: December 19, 2022

Motion to approve Member Graham, 2nd Member Hays - 6/0/1 passed

Suspension and Discipline Report Requested by Melanie McLaughlin

One or more questions the report is attempting to answer:

1. How many suspensions are there at each grade level?
2. Does the DESE profile student discipline data indicate improvement?
3. Is there any disproportionality in suspension and discipline for our more vulnerable subgroups?
4. Has staff been trained on OSEP federal 2022 discipline guidance?
5. How are incident reports collected and how are families notified of disciplinary actions?

Background:

Data elements you are expecting:

- Information from DESE profile data on student discipline.
- Information on training for disproportionality in discipline.
- Information on training with respect to social/emotional and behavioral needs for students with disabilities for administrators (principals).
- Information on training for culturally competent responsive programs.
- What is family engagement on these matters?

Date Requested: November 21, 2022

Date Submitted: November 3, 2022

Date Report should be provided: January 9, 2023

Request to amend by adding a #6 – Discipline Report provided earlier in the year from Dr. Cushing of incident reports including actual number of students reporting to detention.

Friendly amendment to #1 as well to read: How many in and out of school suspensions, detentions, social probation and other forms of discipline are there are each grade level, issued and served. If there are other categories regularly served, what they are and data on issued and served.

Motion to approve with amendments by Member McLaughlin, 2nd by Member Graham - 6/0/1 passed

XII. Condolences

The Medford School Committee expresses its sincere condolences to the family of William Matarazzo, father of former Cosmetology Teacher Janice DePace.

The Medford School Committee expresses its sincere condolences to the family of Albert Panerese, a former science teacher at the Roberts Junior High School.

XIII. Next Meeting

Monday, December 5, 2022 Regular School Committee Meeting – Alden Memorial Chambers, Medford City Hall in addition to zoom

XIV. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by McLaughlin, 2nd Member Graham - 6/0/1 passed

Meeting adjourned at 7:19pm